## **Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure:**

Please delete the current Abstract of the Disclosure and insert the following therefor:

A method for washing and drying items in a dishwasher and a dishwasher are provided. After the door of the dishwasher has been closed, a washing program and then a drying program are executed. In response to both an interruption of the drying program resulting in the dishwasher no longer running its drying program and a thereafter following restoration of execution of the drying program, a parameter value is measured and the drying program is resumed if there is no predetermined deviation from a nominal value and, on the other hand, a fresh cycle of a washing program and a drying program is initiated in the event of a predetermined deviation.